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F. #2015V02679

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

-against-

TWO HUNDRED SEVENTY FOUR (274) PAIRS
OF DOG-FACED WATER SNAKE MANOLO
BLAHNIK SHOES,

Defendants *in rem*.

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TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR, FISH AND
WILDLIFE SERVICE ("FWS"), UNITED STATES MARSHALS SERVICE, AND ANY
OTHER DULY AUTHORIZED LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER:

WHEREAS, a Verified Complaint *in Rem* was filed on or about December 1,
2015, in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York (the "Verified
Complaint"), alleging that approximately 274 pairs of dog-faced water snake Manolo
Blahnik shoes seized on or about September 23, 2013, and all proceeds traceable thereto (the
"Defendants *in rem*") are subject to seizure and forfeiture to the United States, in accordance
with 16 U.S.C. § 1540(e)(4)(A); and

WHEREAS, the Court being satisfied that, based upon the Verified
Complaint, there is probable cause to believe that the Defendants *in rem* constitute property
that is subject to forfeiture pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 1540(e)(4)(A), and that grounds for
issuance of a warrant for arrest of articles *in rem* exist, pursuant to Supplemental Rule G(3)

**WARRANT FOR ARREST OF
ARTICLES IN REM**

Civil Action No.

of the Supplemental Rules for Admiralty or Maritime Claims and Asset Forfeiture Actions (the “Supplemental Rules”);

YOU ARE, THEREFORE, HEREBY COMMANDED to arrest and seize the Defendants *in rem* and use discretion and whatever means appropriate to protect and maintain the Defendants *in rem*; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT the United States shall provide notice of this action to all persons thought to have an interest in or claim against the Defendants *in rem* by serving upon such persons a copy of this warrant and a copy of the Verified Complaint in a manner consistent with the principles of service of an action *in rem* under Supplemental Rule G(4)(b) of the Supplemental Rules and the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, and publish notice of the action on the government website, www.forfeiture.gov, in accordance with the customs and practice of this district, and pursuant to Supplemental Rule G(4)(a);

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, promptly after execution of this process, you shall file the same in this Court with your return thereon, identifying the individuals upon whom copies were served and the manner employed; and

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that in order to avoid forfeiture of the Defendants *in rem*, any person claiming an interest in, or right against, the Defendants *in rem* shall file a verified claim identifying the specific property claimed by the claimant and the claimant’s interest in the property. The verified claim must be signed by the claimant under penalty of perjury, in the manner set forth in Supplemental Rule G(5) of the Supplemental Rules and the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, except that in no event may such claim be filed later than thirty-five (35) days after service of the Verified Complaint, or as applicable, not later than thirty (30) days after the date of final publication of notice of the filing of this

action. All claimants must also file an answer to the Verified Complaint or motion under Fed. R. Civ. P. 12 within twenty-one (21) days after the filing a claim. All such claims and answers must be filed with the Clerk of Court, United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York, 225 Cadman Plaza East, Brooklyn, New York 11201, with a copy thereof sent to Assistant United States Attorney Karin Orenstein, United States Attorney's Office, Eastern District of New York, 271 Cadman Plaza East, 7th Floor, Brooklyn, New York 11201.

Dated: Brooklyn, New York
December _____, 2015

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE
EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK